(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether there is any proposal under consideraton of Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the outline of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The National Health Policy, 2002 has laid down the major objective as achieving an acceptable standard of good health amongst the general population of the country. It laid emphasis on providing increased access to decentralized public health system, enhancing public health investment, convergence of public programmes etc. It also recognizes the contribution of private sector in providing health services and welcomes its participation in all areas of health activities.

(c) and (d) The Government has launched a National Rural Health Mission throughout the country with special focus on 18 States with weak health indicators and health infrastructure. The main aim is to provide accesible, affordable, accountable, effective and reliable healthcare, especially to poor and vulnerable sections of population. The strategy is to undertake architectural correction of the health system and promote policies that strengthen public health management and service delivery in the country. Public, private partnership is also an important strategy under National Rural Health Mission.

Approval of Ayurveda formulations and medicines

2497. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ayurveda formulations and medicines are proposed to be covered by a system of approval by the Drug Controller General of India;

(b) if so, how many such Ayurvedic formulations have been identified for such approvals and the progress made in this direction;

(c) whether it is proposed to cover other traditional systems of medicines such as Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy; and

(d) what are the details of clinical trials and other tests proposed to be conducted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (d) Manufacturing licences in respect of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani medicines are issued by State Drug Licensing Authorities notified by the State Governments under Rule 152 of the Drugs & Cosmetics Rules, 1945. There is a proposal for setting up of a Central Drug Authority in pursuance of the recommendations of the Mashelkar Committee to deal with all regulatory aspects relating to drugs including Indian Systems of Medicine.

Shortage of doctors in CGHS dispensary No. 73, Gurgaon

2498. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of doctors and para medical staff at CGHS dispensary No. 73, Gurgaon;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that doctors and para medical staff transferred/posted to the said dispensary on account of voluntary transfer/ retirement or otherwise are either not joining or not being relieved or their transfer orders have been cancelled; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and whether Government propose to strictly implement the decisions taken for the purpose in order to save the beneficiaries from the difficulties being faced by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The CGHS dispensary No. 73, Gurgaon houses both Allopathic dispensary and Ayurvedic Unit. There are 5 Allopathic Doctors and one Ayurvedic Doctor posted at the dispensary No. 73 Gurgaon which are adequate to attend to the needs of the patients. Also adequate number of para-medical